

STATEMENT OF APPEAL

The purpose of this application is to appeal the determination by the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (“DCRA”) informing us that our CO Permit No. CO2200300 issued on November 30, 2021, to allow for use as “CORNER STORE -- RETAIL GROCERY” at 1720 1st Street NW **would be revoked**. CO Permit No. CO2200300 was issued on November 30, 2021, at 1720 1st Street NW (“the Property”). The Property is located in the RF-1 zone, which does not allow retail grocery as a matter of right.

DCRA has informed us that our establishment was wrongly issued this C of O permit to allow for use as “CORNER STORE -- RETAIL GROCERY” **due to information erroneously provided to us by the DCRA records office** during our preparation and submission of a building permit application.

We were informed of this error only after the costly work of achieving a building permit, performing extensive renovation work at the property, and formally setting up the operating business.

The property had been used as a grocery store at least since 1953 (**which was the only certificate of occupancy we were aware of**) up until an interim period in 1978 where a use change for the property to TV REPAIR SHOP occurred. **We were only aware of the 1953 c of o until informed of the existence of the TV REPAIR SHOP CERTIFICATE. We believe the neighborhood supports up in this request and we formally request a hearing before the Board of Zoning Adjustment.**